

Please amend the claims to read as follows. A marked-up version showing the changes made is also being provided on the appended sheets.

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1. (Amended) A system for authoring, distributing, and replaying derivative hypermedia content, said system comprising:

- an authoring system for recording a given dynamic annotation on any of a plurality of hypermedia documents;
- a distribution system for distributing said dynamic annotations which have been recorded in the previous step; and
- a playing system for playing said dynamic annotations which have been distributed in the previous step, said playing system enabling loading of multiple ones of said hypermedia documents upon which said annotation was made while maintaining synchronized playback of said annotation.

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10. (Amended) A system, for use with a communications web or net, said net optionally comprising at least one of the Internet and an Intranet, said system being for authoring, distributing, and replaying derivative hypermedia content, said system comprising:

- an annotation server for being coupled to said communications web;
- a remote net server for being coupled to said communications web;
- a net browser for being coupled to said communications web;
- an authoring system for recording a given dynamic annotation on any of a plurality of hypermedia documents;
- a distribution system for distributing said dynamic annotations which have been recorded in the previous step; and
- a playing system for playing said dynamic annotations which have been distributed in the previous step, said playing system enabling loading of multiple ones of

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said hypermedia documents upon which said annotation was made while maintaining synchronized playback of said annotation.

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17. (Amended) A method for use with a communications web or net for authoring, distributing, and replaying derivative hypermedia content, said net optionally comprising at least one of the Internet and an Intranet, said method comprising the steps of:

recording a given dynamic annotation on any of a plurality of hypermedia documents;

distributing said dynamic annotations which have been recorded in the previous step;

playing said dynamic annotations which have been distributed in the previous step, said playing system enabling loading of multiple ones of said hypermedia documents upon which said annotation was made while maintaining synchronized playback of said annotation;

coupling each of at least one remote server, an annotation server, an annotation manager, and a net browser to said communications net; and

selecting one of a Browse mode, an Annotate mode, and a Watch mode for respectively causing said net browser to function in a traditional hypermedia browser manner, causing events generated by a user to be recorded, and for causing a most recent annotation to be displayed.

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22. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 17, comprising the step of, upon selection of an icon or text representing an annotation and having an annotation ID:

generating a link annotation event using said annotation ID of said item selected.

Please add the following claims:

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33. (Newly submitted) A method for authoring, distributing, and replaying derivative hypermedia content, said method comprising the steps of:  
recording a given dynamic annotation on any of a plurality of hypermedia documents;  
distributing said dynamic annotations which have been recorded in the previous step; and  
playing said dynamic annotations which have been distributed in the previous step, said playing system enabling loading of multiple ones of said hypermedia documents upon which said annotation was made while maintaining synchronized playback of said annotation.

34. (Newly submitted) A system in accordance with claim 1, including:  
means for defining hyperlinks between dynamic annotations, said means for defining hyperlinks requiring only peripheral involvement by a user for specifying them, said means for defining hyperlinks during playback displaying hyperlinks in an appropriate temporal context, and allowing arbitrary nesting of hyperlink invocations.

35. (Newly submitted) A system in accordance with claim 10, including:  
means for defining hyperlinks between dynamic annotations, said means for defining hyperlinks requiring only peripheral involvement by a user for specifying them, said means for defining hyperlinks during playback displaying hyperlinks in an appropriate temporal context, and allowing arbitrary nesting of hyperlink invocations.

#### IN THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following Abstract for the Abstract presently on file.